Approved Release 2001/08 13 TO A RDP 78 B0 474 7 A 00 18 00 12 00 28 - 0 STATINTL Sept. 24, 1963 HTA/5 Film Processor on Thurs 19 Sept to say that the machine was now ready to George had other commitments ship to March AFB. and could notget to immediately so he asked me to check STATINTL of March AFB at on the readiness of the machine. of March and I looked at the Sensitometric data and the last film of the STATINTL last run. had run both the negative thin base film SO 1188 and the Positive thin base film SO 278 (which they say is the same as 8430). films are representative of the materials the machine must handle. The results were generally good. density varied only \mp .025 across the $9\frac{1}{2}$ inch STATINTL width and about .02 from head to tail. The data is enclosed. Physically, there was a 1000% improvement over the last run made while George was there. There were only occassional very faint random streaks. Later, said he that this was a chemical problem due to using D-19 at 85°. His opinion was that the STATINTL streaks would disappear if the processing was done at 68 . STATINTL STATINTL It was the concensus of and I that STATINTL the machine was ready to go to March for test. was fortunate that our opinion coincided with that because they had already started to dismantle the machine for shipment. I advised of Contracts that they could proceed on their present STATINTL course but that the final word on shipment would come I talked to | Fri night and he con-STATINTL curred that the machine should go to March. if the quality of the material we I asked STATINTL had seen would be acceptable output from his shop. He said no. He recognized however two factors which STATINTL made him feel the machine should be shipped anyway. STATINTL One, the people were operating under factory conditions not laboratory conditions which is a STATINTL Two, the use of D-19 at high considerable handicap. temperature was an extreme test. exhibited some enthus-Although STATINTL iasm over the machine they were rather noncommital STATINTL STATINTL as to whether the machine was fully satisfactory. I guess this is to be expected since they haven't STATINTL operated the machine.

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